

Remarks:

In an Office Action dated September 28, 2004, the Examiner defined three distinct species for prosecution and placed a restriction on the application. The three species the Examiner identified included a matrix of either of polymethylmethacrylic, polyvinyl chloride, and polycarbonate. Additionally, visible layers of each of the three polymeric thermoplastic non-copolyesters were also identified. For the purposes of the election, the applicant elects to pursue the polymethylmethacrylic species and subspecies without traverse.

Additionally, the Examiner noted the existence of suitably generic claims including Claims 1, 5, 6, 16, and 40 through 46. In response to the Examiner's observation, the Applicant has reformulated the independent claims to reflect the use of a thermoplastic non-copolyester polymeric material, a genus that includes each of the three identified species. Because the genus is specifically limited to non-copolyester thermoplastics, it is specifically outside of the ambit of the patents set forth in the specification. It is applicant's belief that the amendments set forth here make moot the restriction placed upon the application.

Applicant has submitted the amendments to appropriately respond to the Restriction placed on the application and believes that in light of the amendments, the application stands in a condition for allowance.

In the event that this response evokes any question, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner direct any questions to Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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